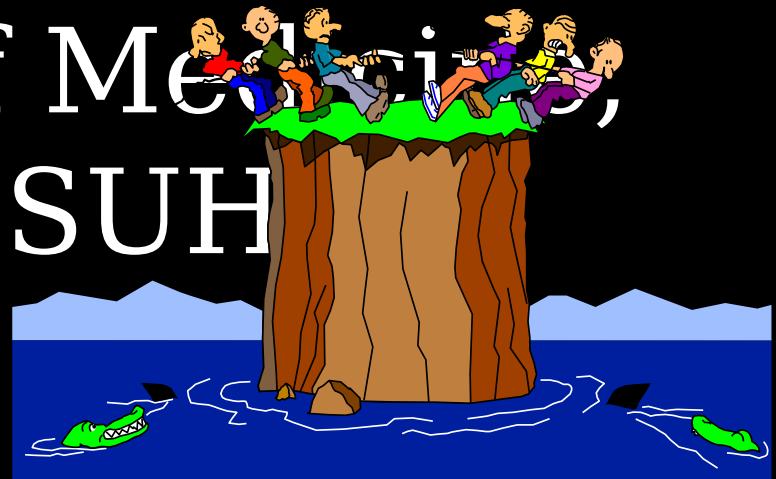


Lessons for Peacekeepers

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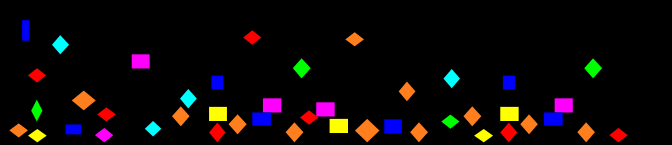
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Source

★ *Military Review*, March,
1993

- LTC John P. Abizaid, USA
 - Ops officer in Lebanon
 - Bn Cdr during *Provide Comfort*
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Purpose

To identify key elements to consider in peace operations, based on experience during *Operation Provide Comfort* in Iraq



Outline

- *Provide Comfort*

- Bn-level lessons learned

 - Preparation

 - Operational

 - Critical Features & Guidelines

- Conclusions



Provide Comfort

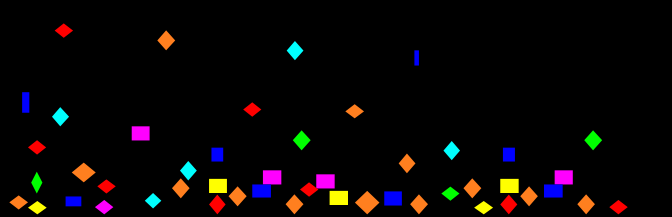
- ★ April-July, 1991

- 3d Bn, 325th Airborne Bn
Combat Team

- Tasked to provide security
for overall operation



Initial Mission

- ★ Establish Kurd safe haven
 - Move Iraqis out
 - Establish a security zone
 - Promote peace between Kurdish guerrilla groups
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Preparation ***(rehearsals, 1 of 2)***

□ Checkpoint Drills

- building & manning checkpoints
- search techniques
- overwatch avenues of approach

□ Wargaming

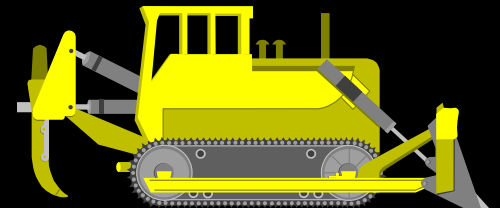
- plt leaders face tough decisions
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Preparation (2 of 2)

★ Countermine Training

- Education program
- Rehearse extracting troops from mined areas

- Careful choice of equipment
 - esp. mobility & engineering



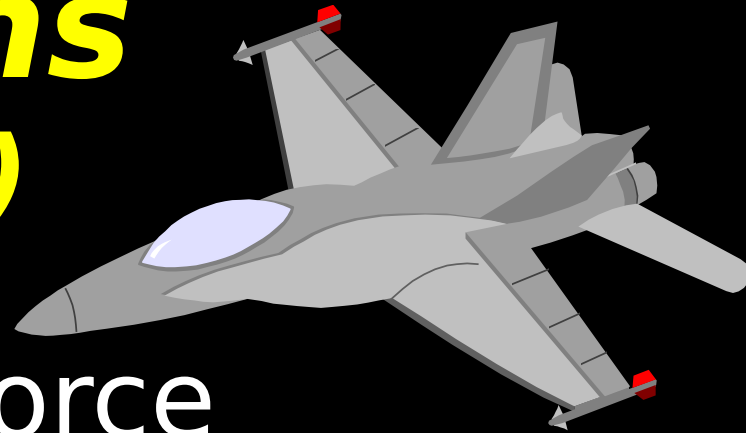


Operational Lessons

(1 of 3)

- Communicate cdr's intent
- Expect dynamic situation, requiring maneuverability
- Anticipate time constraints, bad weather, night ops, hostile environment

Operational Lessons (2 of 3)



★ Air cover

□ Judicious use of force

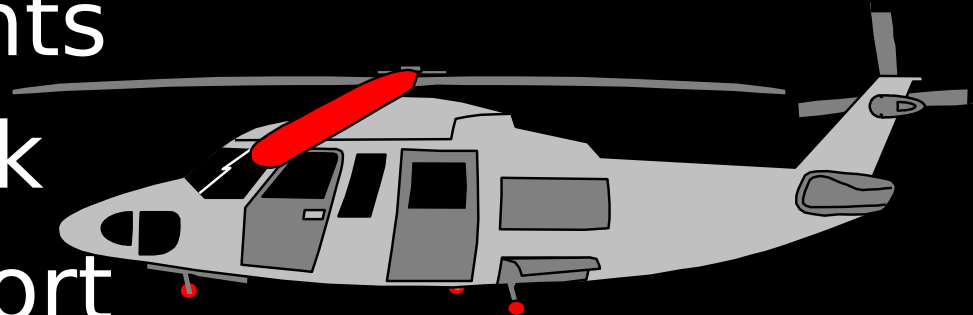
□ Coordination between units

□ Fixed & hasty checkpoints

□ Detain & search intruders

Operational Lessons (3 of 3)

- ★ Decisions required of junior leaders
- Prepare for violent conflict
 - Reinforcements
 - Counterattack
 - Apache support



Critical Features



- Good intelligence

- *every soldier must participate*

- Good discipline

- Strong C2 & organization

- High state of alert



General Guidelines

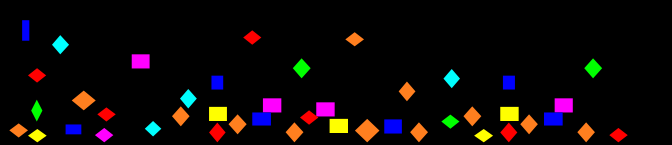
- Ensure adequate mobility
- Never compromise protection of the troops
- **Peacekeeping
Requires Professionals**



Summary

□ *Provide Comfort*

★ Bn-level lessons learned

- Preparation
 - Operational
 - Critical Features
 - Essential Guidelines
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Conclusions

- Peace Operations require capabilities similar to war
- Peace Operations are fluid, dynamic, and require preparation to succeed